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SUBJ: REFERENDUM RULES TO BE ANNOUNCED

1. COMMISSIONER FOR INFORMATION COL. PARKER YARNEY ANNOUNCED AUGUST 30 THAT GOG WILL SOON PUBLISH REGULATIONS RELATING TO CONDUCT OF MARCH 30, 1978 REFERENDUM. PRESS QUOTED YARNEY AS SAYING REGULATIONS WOULD CLARIFY WHAT ISSUES WILL BE DETERMINED BY REFERENDUM. SPEAKING AT WINNEBA, YARNEY ALSO ASKED LOCAL CHIEFS TO MOBILIZE THEIR PEOPLE AND GET THEM TO REGISTER FOR REFERENDUM AND SUBSEQUENT GENERAL ELECTIONS.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS OF REFERENDUM HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO DATE, IT SEEMS LIKELY VOTERS WILL BE GIVEN ONLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE AS-YET-UNTESTED BLESSINGS OF UNION GOVERNMENT OR A RETURN TO ALLEGED DIVISIVENESS, CORRUPTION AND TRIBAL PASSIONS OF PARTY POLITICS. IT ALSO SEEMS CERTAIN THAT MILITARY AND POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE UNDER ANY NEW GOVERNMENT PERMITTED TO EVOLVE UNDER ACHEAMPONG REGIME. AS A RESULT, POPULAR INTEREST IN REFERENDUM APPEARS TO BE QUITE LOW. REGISTRATION IN ZONE THREE (VOLTA, BRONG-AHAFO, NORTHERN AND UPPER
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REGIONS) BEGAN AUGUST 30 AND CONTINUES IN OTHER PARTS OF GHANA BUT TURNOUT REMAINS UNEVEN AND FAR SHORT OF GOG HOPES. PUBLICATION OF REFERENDUM REGULATIONS MAY STIR A BIT MORE INTEREST BUT WE SUSPECT ONLY A MODEST FRACTION OF POTENTIAL ELECTORATE WILL BE ELIGIBLE OR MOTIVATED TO VOTE IN REFERENDUM NEXT MARCH.
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